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On the Street

L. L. Burress, prominent citizen of the Paradise country, was in to see the Messenger one day this week. "I have just installed a radio in my home, and let me tell you, it is the grandest thing I have ever owned. Think of a fellow sitting in his room enjoying music, good speeches, lectures, market reports and anything else, from all over the country. Comes in as plain and distinct as tho you were talking to the person face to face. Most wonderful thing I ever heard of. The best of entertainments are now no further than my radio."

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"WHAT is the Messenger's idea concerning a sort of a city manager plan for Decatur?" asked a prominent Decatur citizen of the Messenger scribe one day this week. "In view of the fact that other towns of Decatur's caliber have taken on this plan, and found it successful, I believe that we should give it a try-out. We have a good man in the mayor' office, and he is doing his best, but it must be remembered that Mr. Douglass can not give all his time and attention to the duties of the office, and, of course, it is more of a side-line with him. His other business, the one in which he gets his living, requires, and justly, too, his time, and consequently his official duties as the chief magistrate of Decatur are more of a burden than anything else. We, as citizens, should not expect him to give any more of his time to the office, for when he does, he necessarily neglects his private business. So, what think you, Messenger, of the idea of the citizens selecting a man who will devote his entire time to looking after the interests of the town's government. Let him manage the affairs, look after the taxes, renditions, water department, street improvements, etc. In fact, make him give all his time, energies and attention to the town's government. Let us return to a functioning corporation, back to the days of city court, town marshal and ordinance observing, and I will miss my guess if the old town does not come out from under the burden it is toting today, one which, if not lightened, will see decay set in. Taxes are high as a cat's back, you know, and I understand the revenue today is not sufficient to meet the annual interest on the outstanding bonds. Any school child can see the inevitable result if something is not done to bring pep and spizzerinktum into the old town's affairs."

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"I ATTENDED the meeting of farmers and town citizens at Cal McCurdy's place, south-east of town Friday," was the remark of a local citizen, "and, say, it was one of the greatest meetings in my opinion, held in this section in a long, long time. I have attended political gatherings on numerous occasions, also I have heard some of the most prominent spell-binders spell-bound, but let me tell you that gathering at McCurdy's beats 'em all, and the good results will last and redound to the benefit of the people long after the best efforts of the politicians are lost and forgotten. As you know, it was a sort of school, conducted by experts in agricultural and dairying affairs, and the interest manifested by those who came to learn, augurs that the McCurdy section of the Wonderful County can be counted on to assist in forging these interests to the front. Heard some telling speeches and saw some wonderful demonstrations, but let me tell you about that feed the good ladies of the community prepared and served at that gathering. Wow! there was chicken, ham dressing, pies, cakes, biscuits, light-bread—everything—enough to stuff a corps of hungry soldiers. Tell your readers that Cal McCurdy is one of the best farmers in Wise county: that's what everybody said who attended that gathering, and inspected his fine farm. The good ladies, bless 'em, who made the spread of good things to eat, will long be remembered—and, say, don't use my name in mentioning this, but one of the most charming in that bevy of charming ladies was heard to say the bobbed-hair fad never appealed to her."

The verities of life can not be proven, measured or tested but are as real as iron, wood and stone.

Zaro Agha, 150 years old, is said to be the oldest person living. He is hale, hearty and active. A resident of Constantinople, he has lately accepted a position on the staff of guards at one of the imperial palaces. He has been married eleven times and is devoted to his present wife, who is only twenty-seven. It is said that Zaro has but one great worry. He has a son aged ninety-nine, who considers himself too old to earn a livelihood. "I don't see why I have to keep him," Zaro indignantly declares. "If I can work, surely the boy can."

LOCAL OFFICER DIES SUDDENLY OF PARALYSIS

Only Few Hours Elapse Between Stroke and Death

"Bud" Richter, city secretary and assessor of Decatur, and for several years city marshal of the town, died Tuesday afternoon at his home on West Walnut street, following an attack of paralysis, which he suffered at an early hour Tuesday morning. It is said that Mr. Richter complained Monday afternoon that he was feeling ill but attributed it to a slight case of the flu he had been troubled with during the past week. Later in the afternoon, he stated that he was feeling better, and that evening he played dominoes with friends in the Schulkey restaurant, going home about nine-thirty o'clock.

About three o'clock Tuesday morning Mr. Richter awoke his wife, and told her that he was desperately sick, and to summon a doctor. Immediately after informing Mrs. Richter of his condition and before the doctor arrived Mr. Richter suffered a stroke of paralysis and became unconscious. Other physicians were called in and everything possible was done to revive the stricken man, but to no avail, and at four o'clock he passed away.

The sudden and tragic death of Mr. Richter brought sorrow to all our citizens who had known him as a good and efficient officer, and one who had numerous friends. He had been a citizen of Decatur and the community south of town for a long number of years, and all who knew him recognized him as a good citizen and honorable man.

Surviving are his wife and several children. Funeral services were conducted at the First Baptist church on Wednesday afternoon, by Rev. R. E. Bell, and interment was made in the Pleasant Grove cemetery. Messenger joins the numerous friends in extending sympathy to the bereaved family.

Prominent Citizen of Rhome Painfully Hurt

[illegible] Terry, [illegible] of a farm tenant [illegible], was arrested Thursday evening and brought to Decatur, charged with assaulting Dr. Z. B. Bobo, a business man of Rhome. Terry, a young man about twenty-five years of age, was recently liberated from the state penitentiary, where he was serving a two-year term for violating the liquor law.

It is claimed that Mr. Bobo was walking home from his place of business in Rhome, when Terry approached him and began the assault, hitting Mr. Bobo several times on the head, and inflicting painful injuries. Officer Brown of the town was summoned, and when he reached the scene a fight took place between he and Terry. Decatur officers were called, and Terry was brought to the Decatur jial.

Dr. Bobo was taken to a Fort Worth sanitarium, where his injuries were treated. He is one of the most prominent citizens in that section of the county, and for many years has been active in all movements for the progress and improvement of that section. Messenger is glad to report that the good man is improving from his injuries and will soon be back with his friends and neighbors.

W. C. T. U. Leader to Speak Here Tomorrow

Miss Winona Jewell, national field secretary for the young people's branch of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, will speak at the Methodist church Saturday evening at seven-thirty, in the interest of her work with the young people, according to Mrs. H. L. Jones, president of the Decatur W. C. T. U. Miss Jewell is known as a forceful, intelligent speaker, and the citizens of the town, especialy the younger ones, are urged to attend this gathering.

Miss Jewell will also speak to a called meeting of W. C. T. U. members and friends this (Friday) afternoon, at the Methodist church, at two-thirty.

Attend the free band concert tonight

OLDEST PIONEER OF COUNTY DIES

Mr. J. D. Whie, pioneer of pioneer settlers of Wise county, died Monday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. James B. Neace, in Fort Worth. The remains were brought to Decatur Tuesday and services were held in the First Baptist church at one o'clock, conducted by Rev. J. L. Ward, a life-long friend, after which interment took place in Oaklawn cemetery in the presence of a large number of friends and relatives.

J. D. White was born in Greenville, Ford county, Illinois, June 5th, 1831, and was educated in the common schools of that county and the Greenville academy. Among his school mates were Robert G. Ingersoll, and while living in Illinois, Mr. White heard Abraham Lincoln deliver a number of speeches. Mr. White came to Texas at the age of nineteen, settling in Dallas county, where he taught school until 1852, when he went to Southwest Texas and joined a company of Texas rangers, which had been commissioned by Governor Bell. After serving some time with this ranger company, Mr. White was mustered out of the service, when he came back to Dallas county and taught another term of school, and in 1856 he came to Wise county, where he again took up the school teaching profession, teaching two sessions at Sand Hill, south of Decatur. In 1858 he was elected assessor and collector of taxes for Wise county, which office he held for two terms.

When the strife between the states came up, Mr. White joined the frontier forces, and heroically assisted in beating back the savage red skins, and in the campaign against the Indians, following the Huff massacre, he took an active part. After the Indians were driven out, and a semblance of peace settled over the land, Mr. White was called by the voters to office, and for six years he held the offices of county school superintendent and commissioner.

Thruout his life Mr. White was a democrat, one who stood out conspicuously for the claims of his party, and all along the long journey he stood for the highest and best ideals of life. He was fearless, honest and boldly proclaimed his views on all questions affecting the interests of the people. He loved the people of Wise county, and these people loved and appreciated the pioneer, a man who nobly did his part in blazing the way in this section for the present day civilization, and in his passing, truly the "Grand Old Man" of Wise county, and an heroic figure of the days when trials and tribulations put the very souls of men on trial, has gone to his reward.

LIONS CLUB RECEIVES ITS CHARTER TUESDAY

Deputy District Governor Fred Newman of Greenville, attended the meeting on Tuesday of the Decatur Lions Club, and presented the local organization with its charter. Mr. Newman spoke to the assembled club for about thirty minutes, presenting his opinions of the wor kin Decatur; complimented highly the officers which the club has; and discussed in a spirited way the principles for which Lionism stands in the life of the community, state, nation and world.

The guest from Greenville is an enthusiastic member of the Lions Club of his home town, as well as a district officer. His stirring words have put new zest into the local club.

Twenty members are required for the securing of a charter, and the Decatur chapter will bear the names of the following: L. C. Boyd, C. L. Christion, C. D. Cates, H. M. Helm, P. M. Curry, P. J. Fullingim, Willard Jones, J. L. Ward, S. H. Hill, C. A. Burton, E. A. Davenport, R. C. Heathington, S. M. Ward, H. M. Battrill, W. W. Boyd, W. M. Love, H. R. Smith, C. P. Dodson, C. O. Reeves and J. A. Simmons.

Members of the Methodist Woman's Missionary Society prepared and were servers of luncheon to the club at this Tuesday meeting. Coffee for the meal was furnished by Wright Brothers grocery, and cake was donated by the Ideal bakery.

H. R. Hayes, newly named county engineer for Wise county, was a guest at the club, and made a few remarks, when introduced by County Judge S. M. Ward.

Next meeting of the Lions Club will be held in the chamber of commerce hall next Wednesday at noon.

FARM COURSES GREATEST EVER HAD IN COUNTY

Farmers and Merchants Take Keen Interest in Schools

In four gatherings in as many communities last week, a total of a thousand farm family representatives of Wise county heard the gospel of a better agriculture and more prosperous times preached by a group of agricultural leaders from the extension service of the A. & M. College of Texas, and the agricultural department of the Denver railroad.

The meetings constituted the second series of farm short courses conducted under the local auspices of G. R. Warren, county agent, Miss Caroline Chambers, home demonstration agent, and the Decatur Chamber of Commerce.

Meetings were held near Balsora, near Greenwood and near Newark, and culminated in a meeting held on the farm of Cal McCurdy in the Blewett community last Friday. Extension representatives here from the college were: G. W. Orms, district agent; E. A. Miller, agronomist; J. Lynn Thomas, dairy specialist; Miss Jennie Camp, district agent; Miss Bess Edwards, assistant state agent; A. K. Short, Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation; C. M. Counts, county agent of Tarrant county; W. W. Bridges, assistant county agent, Tarrant county. M. B. Oates represented the Denver railroad.

Subjects handled included: Diversified farming, soils, feed, horticulture, dairying and dairy cow selection, home improvement work, poultry culture, terracing and power farming equipments and tractor demonstrations.

The attendance was the best ever registered at any similar meetings, and the interest manifested was very sincere from start to finish. They were, by all odds, the best meetings of the kind ever held in Wise county, and were said by the college men to have exceeded the success hitherto attained in any county in Texas. In each locality where the meetings were held the business men and bankers of the neighbor towns turned out in goodly numbers, as did all the members of the commissioners' court and the county judge.

The daily programs began around ten o'clock of the forenoon, previous to which time the tractor men of the Decatur and Bridgeport Motor Company, however, had got on the ground, and with Fordson tractor drawn implements had thrown up the demonstration terraces, which were inspected thruout the day and lastly given a more thoro inspection at the end of the day's activities. Dairy cow judging and a discussion of soils and seeds completed the forenoon program. In the afternoon there followed more extensive discussion of feeding, poultry work, handled very efficiently by our Wise county agent, G. R. Warren, intimate talks by local citizens, general discussions of diversified farming, home conveniences, canning and preserving, demonstrations in horticulture, closing with a masterly address by M. Bruce Oates, the Denver agricultural agent, on the subject of permanence of farming and farm life based on observations made in the course of a tour made last summer into the intensive dairying and diversified regions of the states of the north and midwest.

From expressions heard during the meetings and later uttered by the leading citizens of the county who found it convenient to attend the meetings, it is conclusively demonstrated that a large number of people have been profoundly effected with the possibilities of farming in Wise county, and that the farm life can be and will be restored not alone to former productive standards, but on a scale that will exceed any degree of prosperity heretofore attained.

Free Band Concert on Square Is Scheduled

A free concert by the Decatur Band will be given tonight—Friday—on the court house lawn, if the weather is agreeable, but if not, in the district court room. Everybody is invited to come and hear a good band play.

Hear some of the new pieces recently arranged for the radio program which brought so many compliments.

STATE OFFICE OF F. L. U. NOW HERE

Appreciating the work of its secretary and treasurer, and desiring to bring his offical laborers near his work on the farm, the Farm Labor Union of America, Texas division, has moved the state headquarters to Decatur, with L. A. Western in charge.

This is a splendid compliment and recognition of Mr. Western's work as secretary-treasurer of the great organization, and Messenger extends congratulations to the gentleman. The offices are in the McMurray-Gettys building in Decatur, and members and friends of the union are asked to call.

Mr. Western is a farmer, one who, by years of experience and life on the farm, has become intimately acquainted with the needs of the farmer, and his ability and energy in their behalf has redounded in great benefit and good.

There are about eleven hundred members of the union in Wise county, and more than seventy thousand in the state.

PREACHER-SALESMAN TO SPEAK AT CHURCH

It is a matter of interest probably to the people of Decatur that the minister at the Christian church who will deliver the message both morning and evening, Sunday, February 21st, is the same man who so ably delivered the address on retail salesmanship before the Decatur Chamber of Commerce. It was the concensus of opinion at the time that the address given by Rev. Diehl was one of the best, if not the best lecture of its kind that the business men of Decatur had heard in some time.

Rev. Louis E. Diehl.

The subjects upon which Rev. Diehl will talk are: "Who Is Your Neighbor" and "Only the Game Fish Swim Upstream." The last subject is one that has caused a great deal of comment where ever it has been announced and Rev. Diehl says that while some people are somewhat in doubt as to the part that this may play in religion, after the sermon they all are agreed that it is so.

Rev. Diehl was a successful business man, salesman and sales lecturer for fifteen years before entering the ministry. He is a forceful and able speaker, who is a thoro master of any subject he speaks on and has the advantage over the average in the ministry due to his contacts with men in all lines of endeavor. When he speaks on any subject, he knows what he is talking about, not merely from hearsay, but, in a number of cases, he has seen the actual result of the things he talks about.

Young Doctors Given Promotions Recently

Word has been received by Decatur relatives of two former Decatur College students, parents of one of the boys residing in Decatur now, of their having been given prominent positions in their profession in a Dallas institution.

These boys are Dr. Tom Bobo, who is a house surgeon of Baylor hospital, and Dr. Willie Schulkey, house doctor of the same institution. Baylor Hospital is one of the best in this section of the country and these promotions for the boys are nice steps for them.

Messenger joins the friends of the doctors in extending congratulations to them and wishing them continued success in their chosen profession.

TAX INCOME OF TOWN LARGEST IN MANY YEARS

Present Collections Are Best on Same Date in History

Messenger learns from records at the city secretary and treasurer's office in Decatur that the tax collections for the city had been better to date than has been reported for the past six years. Tax collections were for 1925, and collections up to and including Friday, February 12th. Never in the history had taxes amounting to the sum collected this year been collected up to the same time of any other year.

"People of Decatur are becoming more zealous of the welfare of their city than has been previously noted," a city official said. "They look upon their city taxes as necessary as any of their other just accounts; and taxes paid into the city treasury show returns which the citizenry appreciate." Several years ago the people of Decatur voted bonds for the construction of a city water supply and foh adequate sewerage system. Decatur people had not been given the advantages of sewer system, and they are beginning to realize what an asset such a system is to the convenience and health of the community.

Over $30,000 had been collected in city taxes up to and including last Friday. Of this amount practically $12,000 will go into the school fund of Decatur, and $18,000 will be divided into the channels of city maintenance as follows: Thirty-five per cent, or $6,300, will go into maintaining the city government for the year, and sixty five per cent, or the remaining $11,700, will constitute a sinking fund for the outstanding bonds which the city has. These bonds represent the investments in water works, sewerage system, fire equipment, etc.

It has also been reported that back taxes, some of which have been running for a long number of years, are being cleared up by property owners here. Drastic measures will probably be resorted to this year in order to "clean up" the slate with reference to back taxes in Decatur, Messenger is informed.

Dodge Agency Taken by Two Decatur Men

Messrs. P. R. Batts and Gordon Roberts of this city have secured a local branch for agency for the Dodge automobile for Decatur, and this week have on display at the Summit garage a model of this popular car.

Both these young men are well known to people of this vicinity, and by their aggressiveness and abilities at showing the car they will no doubt succeed with the new enterprise.

Williams Announces Coming of Specialist

Cliff D. Cates, secretary of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce, is in receipt of the following letter from Congressman Guinn Williams. The contents are self-explanatory, and farmers are urged to heed the day on which the government man will be here:

"I have secured a promise from the agricultural department that they will send a government man to Wichita Falls some time in February to look over the irrigated district and assist in the selection of the best kind of cotton seed to be planted on irrigated lands there. The party making this investigation will be in Wichita some time in February and has agreed to stop off at Decatur and discuss cotton problems, the necessity of having one kind of cotton planted and try to secure the best kind possible to plant in that district.

"I wish you would advise the farmers when he notifies you and give him the best hearing possible.

As you know, one trouble with the cotton in our part of the country is the fact that short staple cotton has been planted unitl it has hurt the price more than the increased yield has paid the farmer.

I am writing you that you may be in a position to know that this party is coming and he has agreed to notify you the day he will be there."

Mrs. Jim Belew and Hayes Dunaway Wed

Sunday, at twelve-thirty o'clock, in the parlors of the First Christian church in Fort Worth, Mrs. Ruth Belew and Mr. Hayes Dunaway, both of this city, were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock, L. D. Anderson, pastor, performing the ceremony.

Mrs. Dunaway is a daughter of the late Dennis Peschall, for two terms county judge of Wise county, and for a long number of years one of the county's most prominent citizens. For about three years she has been county clerk of Wise county, succeeding to the office on the death of her husband, and two years ago was elected for a term. She is a charming lady, and was born and reared in this community.

Mr. Dunaway is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Dunaway, well known and long-time citizens of the community, and for several years he has been engaged in the tailoring and clothes-cleaning business, doing business at the southwest corner of the square. He is a native of the community, well and favorably known, and has many friends among our people.

Messenger joins the friends of the happy couple in extending congratulations.

W. M. S.

The Woman's Missionary Society of the First Methodist church held its monthly business meeting February 15th in the parlors of the church, with the new president, Mrs. A. B. Van Meter, in the chair. Twenty-three of the members were present.

Mrs. J. E. Douglass was leader. A prayer by Mrs. Bert B. Hall preceded the business session. Following the devotional, an interesting program was rendered by Mmes. G. Gage, H. M. Buttrill, T. H. Wright, Hamilton, Douglass and G. G. Neilson. The Lord's prayer followed the regular program.—Reporter.

Y. L. M. S.

The Young Ladies' Missionary Society of the First Methodist church met February 15th, with their leader, Mrs. Bert B. Hall, as hostess. The home was decorated in the society colors, green and gold, with green and gold hearts as favors.

The lesson was given very beautifully by Mary McCarter, from the mission study book, "From Over the Border." A very instructive Bible quiz was given by Jamie Ruth McCarter.

Delicious refreshments were served to fifteen members.

Owl Club.

The Owl Club met Wednesday afternoon in regular session, with Mrs. J. J. Ingram as director. The following program was rendered:

"Statues with Their Stories"—Mrs. A. B. Van Meter.

"Classical [illegible]"—Mrs. [illegible] Cates.

Solo—Miss Frances R[illegible].

"The [illegible]"—[illegible] Adele H[illegible].

[illegible]

Henry Askey Nearing Round-Up of Leases

Henry Askey, tireless worker for the Keystone section, southeast of Decatur, informs the Messenger that the necessary acreage to guarantee the drilling of a well in that community is about all secured, and when two land-owners, who have been a little slow in pooling their land for this well, come in, the derrick will be erected and an active campaign started to find the liquid gold.

W. M. U.

The Woman's Missionary Union of the First Baptist church met in an unusually interesting meeting Monday afternoon. Circle No. 1 rendered the program. Each member was there, and exercised much talent in the rendition of the program. Mrs. Sam Hill led in a beautiful and impressive manner.

The general topic was "The Whitening of the Fields of Japan." Following a song, devotional by Mrs. Travis Jones, and prayer by Mrs. R. L. Blankenship, the following program was rendered:

"The Land of a Thousand Islands"—Mrs. McMordie.

"Religion in Japan"—Mrs. Eunice Blackburn.

Piano solo—Marjorie McCracken.

"The Touch of Christ"—Mrs. Madden.

Special prayer—Mrs. A. E. Rice.

"Waiting Harvest and Our Field"—Mrs. A. E. Rice.

"A Christian Woman of Japan"—Mrs. L. B. Gill.

Following a song, questions on the program topic for study and discussion were asked by the leader.—Reporter.

Resolutions.

As it has pleased the all-wise Creator in His goodness to remove from our midst our beloved city secretary and co-worker, Mr. O. Richter, be it

Resolved, by the City Council of the City of Decatur, in regular term assembled, that we express to the loved ones of the deceased our heart felt love and sympathy in their bereavement and to the entire citizenship our condolence in their loss.

Mr. Richter was ever at his post of duty; was kind, efficient and pleasant in all of his dealings with the Council and the public. And, be it further

Resolved, that a copy of same be printed in the papers of the city.

(Signed) The City of Decatur.—J. E. Douglass, Mayor; H. C. Breedlove, Mayor Pro Tem.; D. L. Kerr, Gordon Renshaw, C. A. Burton, A. J. Ogle, C. L. Christian, Councilmen.

Date of Wool Sale Will Be Set February 27th

The annual meeting of the wool and mohair association was held in the hall of the chamber of commerce last Saturday. The setting of the date for the spring sale of pooled wool and mohair was deferred until February 27th, at which time another meeting [illegible]

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Skitty Sketches by Skygak

Ground Hog Day.

For generations past there has been a great deal of controversy over ground hog day; the time of day he must see shadow, the probable effect on different crops, etc. Even the date itself has been questioned. For the benefit of our two readers, we are going to give the true facts in the case in regard to this important matter.

The old saying that if the ground hog comes out and sees his shadow there will be forty more days of winter, doesn't necessarily mean that we will have forty more days of winter if the sun happens to shine on that day. "If" he sees his shadow implies that he might come out in the sunshine and not see it at all, depending on which way he was headed and what he had on his mind at that particular time.

Our good friend, Chris England, dropped a valuable thought on this subject while in conversation with the writer one day last week. Chris says, and is willing to be sworn, that if the ground hog comes out and sees his shadow just at sunrise he, the ground hog—not Chris—will go back into his den for forty-one days. (The extra day allowed here is in case the hog's time is up on Sunday. In such event the ground hog would be allowed to use his own pleasure as to whether he would come out on that day.) Chris furthermore states that in the old days, about the year one and two, the sign held good at all hours of the day. But after it became popular to shoot folks at sunrise, the old he-ground hog called a meeting of all his tribe and made a rule that the hour of sunrise would, in the future, constitute the legal hour in which all ground hogs must see their shadows before he could be compelled to spend forty more days in his den. The rule was made in order to shorten the winters and to give the hogs a good excuse for sleeping late on that particular day.

We believe this explanation will be of untold benefit to our readers, and if they go ahead and plant their gardens with all faith in this article, they will reap a bountiful harvest and rise up and call Chris blessed.

Giraffes believe in a little going a long way.

If you can't face adversity, you'll never greet success.

"Boys, don't become offended at your girl if she talks rather idiotically. She may think that is all you understand."

O. H. Simpson Enters Justice of Peace Race

Mr. O. H., better known as "Red," Simpson is an announced candidate for the office of the peace of District No. 1. Mr. Simpson has been a citizen of the county for twenty-eight years, he informs the Messenger, and upon the record he has made as a citizen, he asks the support of the voters for the office of justice.

He promises to give good service to one and all alike if he is fortunate in being chosen as the 'squire.

Your vote will be appreciated at the coming July primary.

Baptist Church.

It looked like a revival meeting to see the big crowd, the fine singing and the enthusiasm at the Baptist church last Sunday night. Indications look favorable for a great revival when Dr. Pond comes to help us April 4th.

All the officers and teachers of the Sunday school are called to meet next Sunday morning at nine-fifteen, for a thirty-minute prayer meeting before the regular session of the Sunday school begins. This is important and it is hoped that no officer or teacher will be absent.

The pastor will preach next Sunday morning on "Christ's Effort to Save Judas," and at seven-fifteen on "A Jewel of Gold in a Swine's Snout." At the night service the girls' glee club will render a special song. This glee club is made of about fifteen of the finest intermediate girls I know of anywhere, and there are some fine voices among them.—R. E. Bell, Pastor.

Material for Two Rigs Hauling to New Sites

Lumber for two derricks, purchased by the Manolia Company, was hauled from the Shamburger lumber yard in Decatur yesterday afternoon for sites between Decatur and Chico. The two locations ae on the Magnolia leases, but the exact sites for the two wells was not learned by the Messenger reporter.

This company recently abaondoned a well near Chico, known as the Hoyl well, after sinking the drill below five thousand feet.

Card of Thanks.

We wish to express our appreciation to our many good friends for their kindness during the illness and death of our dear mother. May God bless each of you is our prayer.—J. F. Meek and Family.

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SHILOH NEWS

Miss Edith Stocton visited Miss Inez Hubbard Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. J. R. Buchanan has been quite sick the past week.

Quite a number from here attended singing at Bethel Sunday night. All report a fine singing.

Mrs. Edd Cates spent Friday of last week in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Vaughn were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie George Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Buchanan of Dallas, spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Buchanan.

Misses Beatrice Redmon and Lena Lee of Alvord, spent Sunday with Miss Inez Hubbard.

Mr. and Mrs. Edd Cates attended singing at Allison Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Atwood of Chico, visited Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Lowery Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Franks were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Buchanan.

Washington.

In his fine-chiseled face
A royal nature is discerned;
One may amply trace
Lines that show he yearned
To endow the race
With liberty that burned
In his meditative eyes
And made him kind and wise.

He dreamed democracy
In an age when kings made men
Vassals of tyranny
And pawns for the slaughter pen.
He endured great agony
That souls might breathe again
Beneath serener skies,
Where happiness never dies.

When the great God of all
Took him from this realm,
The nation did not fall,
Fir his spirit was at the helm.
And though kingdoms come
And sink into oblivion,
Like the roll of an immortal drum,
We revere George Washington.

Greenwood School.

The Parent Teacher Association has reorganized, and meets every two weeks. Mrs. Ruth Howard is president of the association and Mrs. Homer Splawn is secretary and treasurer.

Ira Bently took supper with Mr. Haggard last Thursday night.

The teachers and pupils met together Friday afternoon and had a Valentine box. Many greetings were exchanged and everyone enjoyed the afternoon.

Miss Cannon spent the week-end at her home in Denton.

An old maid auction sale was held at the school house Friday night. As the maids, dressed in their quaint costumes, stood on the stage to be sold, they reminded us of the "good old days" when ladies were shy and modest.

Miss Pickett attended a teacher's meeting at Slidell Saturday morning.

Miss Eoise Mauldin spent last Sunday in Sanger.

A program celebrating the birthdays of Washington and Lincoln will be held at the school house Friday night, February 19th.

The teachers and pupils from the two upper rooms attended the demonstration work at the farm of T. P. Foster last Wednesday.

Several boys attended the grafting demonstrations at the farm of [illegible] Howard Monday afternoon.

Spelling and declamation work for the county meet is being taken up. About twenty pupils are trying out for declamation.

Richard Kingsley has entered school again after being ill for several weeks.

The seniors are planning to give a play, "The Road to the City," the night of February 26th. Admission will be fifteen and twenty five cents.

Class rings have been ordered for the seniors.

Era and Vera Gober entered school Monday.

The Greenwood Bulldogs won a basket ball game from Leo boys Wednesday afternoon. The score was 23-22. The Greenwood juniors lost to the Leo Juniors 19-8.

Jack Howard, Marvin Clark and Ora Lou Wilson have been awarded prizes for making the highest number of points in the contest for keeping clean teeth.—School Reporter.

Life gives you pretty much what you give it. She gives beauty to those who try to add to her beauty. She gives happiness to those who share their happiness with her. She gives even, love to those who love her. But these are very, very few. Almost all of us have a capacity for being loved. But few of us have a capacity for loving.

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Program for Meeting of Baptists Complete

Following is the program of the workers' meeting of the Wise County Baptist Association, to be held at Decatur, March 1st:

9:30 a. m.—Devotional Services—By M. L. Wallis.
10:00 a. m.—"How to Promote Spiritual Life in the Church"—W. H. Thorn, E. L. Moody.
10:45 a. m.—"Plans for the Spring Round-Up"—J. H. Heathington, C. C. Griffith.
11:15 a. m.—Sermon—Roy Kemp, Pastor at Rhome and Boyd.
Lunch.
1:30 p. m.—Board Meeting.
2:00 p. m.—Woman's Program, General Topic "Home Missions"; Mrs. Floyd Clifton, Leader.
Song.
Devotional—Mrs. M. E. McGhee.
General Discussion of Home Mission Work—Mrs. J. M. Jones.
"Evangelism"—Mrs. William Gregg.
"Our Mountain Schools"—Mrs. J. V. Patterson.
"Cuba and the Panama Canal"—Mrs. Mark Marshall.
"Importance of This Work"—Mrs. Earl Thrasher.
3:00 p. m.—B. Y. P. U. Work—U. R. Neely, T. F. Glosup.

We trust the churches of the county will send messengers as board members to the board meeting. It is an important meet.

Program Committee.

UNION CHAPEL

My, the farmers have smiles on their faces from ear to ear because of the bright sunshine.

Mr. and Mrs. John Slate and family were visitors in Weatherford Sunday.

Miss Gladys Rhoten spent Saturday night with Miss Martha Rhoten.

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lowe and daughter, Miss Emma Lee, were visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoten and family.

Miss Mae Rhoten, who has spent the week-end with Mr. and Mrs. Abe Lowe at Cottondale, returned home Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Meadows spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Horten.

Mr. and Mrs. Oris Rhoten and son, L. Q., spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Rhoten and family.

The road graders are [illegible] the road looks very nice.

Clarence Brennan [illegible] were Monday visitors with John Slate.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neighbors spent Sunday with Johnnie Freeman.

Misses Monna and Opal Drennan spent Sunday with Miss Nona Plumlee.

Several of the people of this community attended singing at Midway and said it was fine and rendered to a large crowd.

John Slate motored to Fort Worth Saturday.

The Midway basket ball team came over and played with Union Chapel this week, the final score being 17-10 in favor of Union Chapel.

"A good back is better than good backing."

"What one sees in another is indicative of what is in himself."

They didn't know what to call the baby, but they finally decided to call it "Bill" because it came on the first of the month.

Edgar McDaniel Profits from Raising of Pig in Money, Prizes and Thru Publicity

"The Little Pig Who Went to Market" Is More Than Fairy Tale to Club Boy

"This little pig went to market—" which is where good little meat pigs usually go, you know, but when this particular little pig went to market his young club-boy master carried home such a nice little profit in his purse in exchange for the little pig that some of the people who belong to the A. & M. College extension service—or, at any rate, are employed by the extension service—have considered that the history of the transaction might serve as a text from which to preach a swine sermon. Not a sermon to swine, but a discourse about swine. Their position being that if more farmers and farm boys would raise more little pigs there would be more pork profits in the purses of our own Texas folks instead of in those of the hog raisers of the northern states who are at present shipping into our Lone Star state a very large per cent of the pork consumed on our Texas tables.

This little pig was raised in Wise county and belonged to John Edgar McDaniel. He made money for his master in two ways. First and foremost (because the measure of pork profit lies in the production records) he made a profit of $5.77 over and above his purchase price and the expense of a sixty-day feeding. Secondly, the little pig won $25 in cash prize money for his master at the Wise County Fair last fall.

And that was the reason, I am sure, that Sterling Evans, the state leader of boys' clubs, asked John Edgar to tell the radio world a little bit about his pig club record during the state fair of Texas last Fall when WFAA (The Dallas News and the Semi-Weekly Farm News), broadcast from the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation studio on the fair grounds the very first club boys' program ever sent over the air from a Texas state meeting.

If you were listening in you will remember that a part of John Edgar's talk was as follows: "I am a pig club member in Wise county, and won my trip to Dallas by making the best record in my county on my pig and other club projects. My pig made a gain of 112 pounds in sixty days and then took $25 in prize money at our county fair. I kept a record showing just what my pig ate and how much he cost. This record book and a story of my pig was judged at the county contest."

John Edgar was invited to tell Our Young Folks what he fed the prize pig, and this is what he writes:

"At the beginning my pig weighed seventy pounds and was valued at five dollars. I fed it sixty days and made it weigh 186 pounds, valued at twelve cents a pound, or a total value of $22.32. This gave me a profit of $5.77.

"During the first thirty days I fed a mixed ration balanced with corn, shorts and tankage. During the last thirty days I fed corn twice a day and left tankage before the pig all the time. I also fed shorts twice a day, giving a half gallon a feeding. The only other expenses on my pig were $1.50 for my labor and fifteen cents for pasture. I figured my labor on the basis of fifteen minutes a day and permanent pasture at one-fourth cent a day, this being the club rate.

"I made $5.77 in sixty days on one pig, which rate would have made me $57.70 in sixty days had I been feeding ten pigs, and over one hundred dollars had I been feeding twenty pigs.

"This year (1925 club season) I had four club projects, including a pig, a calf, grain sorghums and poultry. I won first on calf, first on pig, first on milo and second on poultry at the Wise County Fair. Besides the profit on my pig I made a profit of $14.80 on one acre of milo, have a fine Holstein calf raised on a nurse cow and pasture, and eleven chickens that I raised out of twelve baby chicks purchased."

In response to the questions, "What club projects have you carried? How long have you been a club boy, and have you plans for further agricultural education?" John Edgar says: "I have been a club member since November, 1921. During these four years I have had a total of fourteen club projects, including seven crop projects, one calf project, four pig projects and two poultry projects. I have won first premium at my county fair each year and won second at the Dallas fair on my pig in 1923.

"I have my plans made to keep up my club work and learn all I can on modern agriculture. When I have advanced enough I plan to enter A. & M. College. I have a herd of cattle that should put me thru college by the time I am ready. I am now fourteen years old."

John Edgar belongs to a wide-awake progressive, well-informed club, that of the Sycamore school, about ten miles from Decatur. G. R. Warren, their county agent, tells me that these boys not only make outstanding crops and raise prize-winning animals, but also they shine in the grain ad stock judging history of Wise county. Last fall, as example, a Jersey cattle judging contest was held during the county fair, in which two valuable prizes were offered. The first prize was a registered Jersey heifer offered by the Tennessee Dairies, Inc., of Dallas; the second, a two-month-old pure-bred Jersey bull calf, given by Roy Stock, a Wise county cattleman. Both prizes went to Sycamore club boys, the first to J. G. Gage, the second to Truett Weatherby. The contest was open to all boys and girls between the ages of ten and eighteen years. J. G. made a fine score, grading 231 points out of a possible 250 points. This boy seems to excel in judging farm products. He represented his county on the grain-judging team that was sent to College Station for the state contest during the last farmers' short course.

John Edgar, J. G. and Truett are receiving the kind of agricultural training that should make them successful farmers and stockmen. They know good seed and good types of cattle, hogs, sheep (J. G., by the way, won first on a Shropshire lamb) and poultry, and they are learning the best methods of producing heavy crops and profitable animals.—The Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News.

Walter Brammer in Running for Weigher

Messenger is authorized to announce Mr. Walter Brammer for the office of cotton weigher for precinct No. 5. Mr. Brammer is a member of one of the pioneer families of the Rhome community, and the people in that section of the community know the young man to be ably qualified to fill the office to which he aspires with credit to himself and the people.

Mr. Brammer promises good and efficient service, and says he will give his best efforts to the duties, if the voters select him.

LONE STAR NEWS

The people of this community are very busy preparing for another crop.

Tom Watson and family spent Sunday with his daughter, Ollie Mowery.

Misses Nora Maye Wallace, Clara Thompson and Hesta Maye Mowery spent Sunday with Miss Hazel Rawle.

W. D. Rawle spent Saturday night and Sunday with his uncle, Charlie Rawle, of Valley View.

Earnest Stocton of Alvord, spen, last Friday night with his sister, Miss Bernice Mowery.

Clarence Hooker and family spent Sunday with his daughter, Miss Velma Henery.

Orvid Mowery and family spent Saturday night and Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Stocton.

Mrs. Minnie Wallace is on the sick list this week.

Next Sunday is our regular singing evening and everybody is invited to come and bring someone with you.

Mrs. Dona Cobb and son, Ray, spent Sunday with Mrs. Ross and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Whit Caldwell attended the wedding of his father Sunday night at Alvord.

Attend the band concert toinght.

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Sheriff's Sale.

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Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Wise county, on the 8th day of February, 1926, by J. A. Moore, clerk of said court, for the sum of and costs of suit, under a judgment, in favor of S. B. Cantey, Jr., executor, in a certain cause in said court, No. 5440, and styled W. H. Rambo, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise county, Texas, did, on the 9th day of February, 1926, levy on certain real estate, situated in Wise county, Texas, described as follows, to wit:

First tract: Part of the John Crump survey in Wise county, Texas, beginning at the southeast corner of said survey; thence north with e. b. line of said survey 886 varas, to s. e. corner of a tract out of this survey conveyed to J. M. Kennedy; thence west with s. b. line of Kennedy's tract 600 varas; thence south 886 varas to s. b. line of said Crump survey; thence east 600 varas, to the beginning, containing 94 acres of land.

Second tract: Part of the George Gardner survey in Wise county, Texas, beginning at the s. e. corner of said Crump survey; thence west with the line of the Crump and Gardner surveys 600 varas, to s. w. corner of the 94-acre tract above described; thence south to the West Fork; thence down the channel of said West Fork river to the e. b. line of said Gardner survey; thence north with said line 420 varas to the place of beginning, containing 41 acres more or less.

Said two tracts containing 135 acres, less a 30 acre tract conveyed by H. S. Jones et ux, to J. M. Crownover as shown by deed dated December 7, 1898, recorded in Book 79, Page 313, deed records of Wise county, Texas, and levied upon as the property of W. H. Rambo and C. E. Harroum, defendants, and that on the first Tuesday in April, 1926, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door, of Wise county, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. H. Rambo and C. E. Harroum, defendants.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise county.

Witness my hand, this 9th day of February, 1926. W. M. Workman, Sheriff, Wise county, Texas. By George Gage, Deputy. (Feb. 19-Mar. 5)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE FOLLOWING HAVE ANNOUNCED THEMSELVES CANDIDATES FOR OFFICE, SUBJECT TO ACTION OF THE DEMOCRATIC PRIMARY, TO BE HELD SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1926:

For District Clerk of Wise County:
J. CROCKET ALEXANDER
J. A. (AB) MOORE

For Treasurer of Wise County:
MRS. CHARLES P. NASH
ROGER BAREFIELD
MRS. B. F. LAWRENCE
ELMER GEORGE

For Sheriff of Wise County:
GEORGE GAGE
A. V. ISBELL
CHARLEY BINGHAM
OMA CARTWRIGHT

For County School Superintendent:
WALLACE GREGG
MISS BELL FORD

For County Clerk of Wise County:
LORY D. WHITE
E. LEE STARNES
R. L. (LEM) GILBERT

For County Tax Collector:
ROBERT L. TAYLOR
H. B. PEARSON

For County Attorney:
F. A. DAVENPORT

For County Judge of Wise County:
D. B. GILLILAND
CARL FAITH

For Tax Assessor of Wise County:
G. M. D. MATHESON

For Justice of the Peace, Prec. No. 1:
O. H. (RED) SIMPSON

For Commissioner, Prec. No. 1:
HENRY WALKER

For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 1:
JESS DAVENPORT

For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 4:
W. L. ALLISON

For Public Weigher, Prec. No. 5:
CHARLEY D. STAMPS
E. T. FORD
JACK BEESON
WALTER BRAMMER

(ALL ANNOUNCEMENTS MUST INVARIABLY BE PAID CASH IN ADVANCE.—PUBLISHERS)

Oscar Colquitt says he is perfectly willing to serve another term or two as governor.

The people of Wise county [illegible] this county.

A [illegible] grow [illegible] look [illegible].

More hogs and fewer [illegible] the direst prediction of the political agitator will not cause a ripple of apprehension.

The contest now on between General Hsiao Yao-Nan, governor of Hupeh province, China, and the [illegible] will be watched with interest.

An actress [illegible] in a New York hotel [illegible] reports [illegible]. We suppose [illegible] heard [illegible].

W[illegible] Texas [illegible].

About [illegible] of the [illegible] $100,000.

If you would lighten the burdens of life; if you would live amid peace and plenty, and walk in the rose-scented gardens of sweet contentment, come to Wonderful Wise.

The rubber supply of the country is playing out. No doubt an investigation has revealed that the necks of the present generation of palpitating patriots have taken on an unprecedented growth.

A public office is a public trust, not a private snap to be handled as a money-getting institution and a field for the political manger of the office holder to punish his enemies and "square things" for his friends.

A bureau of education in the hands of the powers that be in Washington, would necessarily be ruled by the powers. Too much power in the hands of the political party that happened to be in the saddle, is deucedly dangerous.

The United States senate has voted to appropriate three hundred and thirteen million dollars to build ships of war. Half of that amount would conduct missionary campaigns that would knock "wars and rumors of wars" into a cocked hat.

The voters will not go wrong in supporting a candidate whom they know is not controlled and directed by the politicians. An office holder who is under the domination of the scheming, plotting "fixer" is dangerous to the interest of the people.

A more direct road, one that can be traveled the year 'round, should be built from Chico to Decatur. The farmers and business interests of that section of the county are entitled to a road, second to none, connecting them with their county capital.

After a fellow has held a good, fat office for a term or two, it goes 'gainst the grain for him to give it up and surrender its keeping into the hands of another. But, it must be remembered that public office is a public trust, a trust that should be passed around.

Report comes from Baden that Grover Bergdoll has been arrested for conducting himself in an immoral manner. Can't believe this charge against Mr. Bergdoll, for, a young man who would desert his country and denounce the flag under which he lived and prospered for years, is not capable of decency that would prompt him to commit an immoral act. Grover Bergdoll is of that kidney who would be compelled to fly upward to reach the plane of total depravity.

We do not know what are the requirements for the New Yorker to get his or her name in what the society folks call the "Social Register," but reports from the effete east say the little Mackey girl, who ran away and married a laboring man, has been dropped from the list. Evidently, money is the outstanding requirement, not brains and brawn. The makers of the Social Register [illegible] dropped the Mackey [illegible] [illegible] Manhattan [illegible] that.

Mass Psychology.

[illegible]

[illegible] the same mass psychology that causes the salacious, sensational paper to have wide circulation while the paper that seeks to minimize the sensations and play up the allegedly more worth-while things of life appeals to an intelligent clientele, which in cosmopolitan or metropolitan cities and many smaller towns is apt to be more or less limited. It is the same spirit that brings cheering crowds and enthusiastic supporters for the demogogue whose stock in trade is abuse or ridicule of his opponents and lets the candidates whose only appeal of intelligence fails to get a response from his hearers or at the ballot box. It is no theory, but a cold fact, the existence of which can not be ignored, however much it may be deplored. And what are we going to do about it is another question that remains quite unanswered.—Denton Record-Chronicle.

Forty Years Ago

Messenger, February 20, 1886.

J. J. Perkins is in the northern market.

Stephen Gose is in Sherman on business.

Sheriff John Cearley is up after a spell of sickness.

Dr. and Mrs. A. B. Conley were in Bridgeport this week.

Miss Ollie Perrin of Sycamore, is visiting Mrs. Walter Harding.

Cards are out announcing the approaching marriage of Mr. E. G. Seilars of this place and Miss Annie Becker of Rhome. The wedding will take place February 28th at the home of the bride.

W. E. Terrell arrived last week from Denton, where he has ben engaged in the dry gods business for the past several years. Mr. Terrell will take the position of manager at the Mississippi store. He is a thoro dry goods man and very popular with our people.

The Wise County Medical Society met Tuesday in the office of Embry, Knox and Ford. The officers of the society are: J. A. Embry, president; L. H. Reeves, vice president; J. F. Ford, secretary; C. B. Simmons, treasurer; B. A. Harris, J. V. Poindexter, W. B. Palmer, censors; C. H. Knox, delegate.

True, the political pot is slow in reaching the boiling stage, but, hold, brother, it is coming along merrily, and before the winds of March are thru rampaging, affairs political will be humping themselves at a fine clip. The stage is being set, and the deck cleared for action that has not been seen in these diggings in many moons. If you have a poll tax receipt, you are lucky; big, startling, interesting things are coming.

Twenty Years Ago

Messenger, February 23, 1906.

Tom Allen is foreman of the grand jury.

Dr. J. P. Sparkman has built a new office at Alvord.

Fred Mershon says there are only eight candidates for county treasurer.

There have been twenty-eight cases and five deaths from small pox in Fort Worth.

Luther Hamilton of Chico, reports the yellow flag flying in many places in Fort Worth.

A great many farmers are plowing up their winter-killed wheat to put the ground in another crop.

The city council has ordered all citizens to be vaccinated at once. The fees of those who are unable to pay will be paid by the city.

Dr. Cartwright will soon move his drug store from the east side of the public square to his own building on the south side of East Main.

J. W. Gray, a leading and respectable citizen and merchant of Paradise, died at his father-inlaw's residence in this city on last Friday morning.

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NEWARK NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Hill and son, Barry, were Fort Worth visitors on Wednesday night.

The remains of J. W. Hollen were brought here from near Boyd Saturday for burial in th Dido cemetery. Funeral services were held at the Baptist church by Rev. Kemp of Rhome. Just two weeks before, his daughter, Eugenia, was brought here for burial from Decatur.

Miss Edythe Duke spent the week-end with her parents here.

Misses Nell Hudson and Jeanette Sewell of Texas Woman's College, Fort Worth, spent the week-end with Miss Hudson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hudson.

"Dan" Hudson and "Dumas" Harvey were Briar visitors Sunday night.

Pilant Sanders of Fort Worth, filled his regular appointment at the Church of Christ Sunday.

Among several interesting ball games played here Saturday night was one by the girls here, who played the Fort Worth Flappers, winning by a score of 9-2.

Miss Cecille Beauchamp of Boyd, visited here Sunday.

Mrs. J. P. Hill is visiting Rev. and Mrs. Smallwood at Seminary Hill.

A Parent-Teacher Club was organized at the school here Friday evening. Mrs. R. A. Hudson was elected president, Mrs. Phil Roner vice president, and Mrs. M. N. Hudson secretary-treasurer.

Miss Ines Pope of the Teacher's College, Denton, spent the week-end with here home-folks near here.

Mrs. W. A. Hill and sons, Frank and Paul, spent Sunday in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton Le Fors of Keeter, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Le Fors here.

Raymond Boyd was here from Fort Woth Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Weldon Price and family of Liberty, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Price here.

About three hundred and fifty people attended the farmer's short course on the farm of L. M. Yeakum Thursday. Specialists from Wise county, Tarrant county and the A. & M. College, were there and made talks and held demonstrations on the various farm subjects. All reported a day well spent.

SLIDELL NEWS

S. B. Powell and L. M. Atcheson attended a banker's meeting and banquet at Denton last Thursday night.

Miss Vergie Wilmond of Denton, spent Sunday with Mrs. L. W. Watson.

Miss Faye Reid of Midway, and Miss Lorene Doyle of Elm, were home Saturday to attend the teachers' meeting here.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Lilly of Oklahoma City, have been with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hayes the lastweek during the illness and death of little Jack Hayes who died Monday night after a terrible fight with diphtheria. Funeral services and burial were conducted at the Slidell cemetery Tuesday.

Miss Juanita Myers entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Porter Myers has returned from Wilson, Oklahoma, where he has been visiting his father.

Mrs. R. W. Myers was seriously injured Friday night when the car in which she was riding overturned on the road southeast of Slidell.

Rev. Frank Wilkinson filled his regular appointment at the Methodist church Sunday.

Misses Sabra Parsons and Berta Chambers spent the week-end with home folks in Denton.

Mrs. Sarah Harvey and family have moved to her brother's farm south west of Era.

Real Coffey and family have recently moved from Alvord to the Lee Higgs farm, west of Slidell.

A group of singers from Rosston will conduct an all-day singing at the Methodist church next Sunday.

J. H. Thompson and family were family were called to Dallas last Friday by the death of Mrs. Thompson's sister.

Mrs. Mary Robb, teacher of Hickory Plains school, will give a program on Friday night, February 19th.

The Slidell club boys attended the farm demonstration school near Greenwood last week.

The volley ball girls have just received their new suits and are ready for the schedule in volley ball, which begins soon.

Workouts in field and track have been started and Coach Hayes expects to enter most of the events at the county meet.

There were six entries in the Lincoln esay contest last Friday night for the beautiful medal offered by the Illinois Watch Company for the best ssay on the life and work of Abraham Lincoln. The contest was very interesting and essays were well rendered. The judges were S. B. Powell, J. B. Pruett and Paul Petty. They gave Ocea Freeman first place and Helen Dimitt second place.

SCHEDULE OF DECATUR-FORT WORTH STAGE LINE.

Leave Decatur
From Greathouse Hotel

a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m
7:30	9:30	11:30	1:30	3:30	6:30

Leave Fort Worth—1608 Main Street and Grand Hotel

a m	a m	a m	p m	p m	p m
8:00	9:30	11:30	2:30	4:30	6:30

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RADIO PROGRAM PROMPTS MANY WORDS OF PRAISE THRU MAIL BAG

Band Boys, Speaker and Singers Share in Compliments

Decatur and Wise county were "up in the air" several evenings ago when a number of citizens appeared in a radio program broadcasted over radio station WBAP at Fort Worth, the Star-Telegram and Record-Telegram station. The program consisted principally of a band concert, rendered by the Decatur Municipal Band, made up of about thirty boys and men of this city. E. Scott Avery is director of the band. Secretary Cliff D. Cates of the chamber of commerce here made a splendid address, in which he enumerated some of the resources and advantages of Decatur and Wise county. A male quartet, composed of Willard Jones, Faust, Leslie and Roger Nobles, rendered several vocal selections.

The Decatur Band has made rapid strides under the direction of Mr. Avery during the last several months, and the boys make a splendid corps of musicians. Members of the bands are: Messrs. York Simpson, S. T. Lillard, Douglas Faith, R. L. Hunt, Clate Coleman, Ted Smith, Milner Sandifer, Elgene Thomason, Chease Elder, W. T. Hill, Perry Jones, Perry Sandifer, Mildred Stone, C. C. Dobkins, Louis Billington, Theodore Kendrick, Hollis St. Clair, Ovid Shelton, J. C. Blewett, Jack Rieger, Frank Ward, T. J. Elder, J. I. McDaniel, W. J. Stokes, Charles Cates and Luke Ramsey.

Secretary Cates took advantage of the opportunity afforded him on the program to "tell the world" about Delightful Decatur and Wonderful Wise county, and his remarks have not been without fruit. We have heard it said right here in our home town that people heard things over the radio in Mr Cates' address that they had not heretofore realized were actually possessed in this community things that have been accomplished and established here.

The "warblers" came in for their share of praise and congratulations by those who heard the rogram.

Many kind words have be enreceived from all parts of the country from those who listened in on the program. Several telegrams, many letters and cards of congratulations and thanks have been received in Decatur. It has been impossible for Messenger to secure all of these letters in order that they may be acknowledged; however we will here attempt to give what we have been able to gather.

Probably the most appreciated letter was from George Halsead, police judge of West Plains, Missouri, who congratulated all those who participated in the program. He spoke in commendable terms of the address of Secretary Cates of the chamber of commerce, and even went so far as to ask Mr. Cates to go to that city and address the [illegible] in behalf of his home town, West Plains.

Doctor E. Gose of Stamford, Texas, congratulated Secretary Cates on his address and the band on its music.

Dr. R. P. Eiland of Nashville, Tennessee, wrote that he enjoyed the band program immensely, stating that the Decatur Band was a splendid musical organization.

R. H. Kennedy of Mobile, Alabama, said: "I wish to congratulate the band for its program which was broadcasted February 5th. Hope to hear the band again."

W. H. Dodson of Decatur, Georgia: "The band concert broadcasted the other night was thoroly enjoyed by us."

Dr. T. J. Turpin of Dinamita, New Mexico: "This is to thank you for your very pleasant band concert, which we heard very clearly."

W. A. Hughes of Electra, Texas: "My family enjoyed the Decatur program immensely the other night. Mr. Cates' address was fine. If all Northwest Texas heard his address, I expect to see the roads lined up with covered wagons and automobile trucks headed for your city on the hill—and I could not blame them."

Mr. and Mrs. Will S. Young of Bowie, Texas, in a letter to Director of the Band Scott E. Avery, stated: "For yourself and members of the Decatur Band, will you please extend our appreciation for the splendid program which you rendered Friday evening. Best wishes for the future of this fine organization."

A postal card from C. G. Russell and family of Meta, Missouri, states: "Musical program by the Decatur Band was mighty fine. Best wishes to members of the band."

Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Eyer of Oklahoma City: "Enjoyed your program of Friday night. Congratulations to the Decatur Band."

Ralph Thornberg of Great Bend, Kansas: "Enjoyed your pleasing band program. Reception was good."

D. M. Moore of Clarksville, Arkansas: "Enjoyed your program very much; especially did we like the quartet music. Let's hear the boys sing again."

Volus Norsworthy of Vernon, Texas: "Congratulations on the fine program over WBAP. My wife and I enjoyed it immensely."

R. T. Cooper of Maysfield, Texas: "Appreciated the program from Decatur over WBAP the other evening."

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Camp of Blum, Texas: "Enjoyed the program given by the Decatur Band over WBAP Friday night. You certainly have a fine band. The singing was grand by the quartet. You must put on another program soon."

A telegram from Willmouth & Wysong of Indianapolis, Indiana: "Enjoyed program immensely. Mr. Avery's sister in Indianapolis listened in."

G. N. Cox of Henrietta, Texas, sent the following telegram: "Program fine. Congratulations to Glen and Bill Stokes."

A number of telegrams were received from Decatur people, among them were messages from Mrs. James McCarter, Mr. and Mrs. S. L. Hardwick, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Man, Bell Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Lillard, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hill.

Numerous complimentary remarks have been made and sent to individual members of the broadcasting party, which have proven an encouragement to all who participated.

CRAFTON NEWS

It seems that the ground hog did not see his shadow, as it has been such pretty weather for the past week.

The general health of the community is good. The farmers are busy getting ready to plant their crops.

The Crafton high school literary society met Friday night in regular session and rendered an interesting program.

The primary teacher, Miss Myrtle Bass, spent the week-end with her parents in Chico.

On Thursday of last week, the Chico high school girls and boys came over and defeated us in two games of ball. In volley ball Chico won both games. In basket ball the scores were 22-7.

A large crowd heard Brother Bates preach Sunray morning and again in the afternoon.

Quite a few attended singing at Mr. Maddux's Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Thorn and Mr. and Mrs. Vestal Motley visited relatives in Chico Sunday afternoon.

The school is progressing nicely, but we fear the end is coming before we are ready for it.

George Warren and family of Chico, visited relatives in Crafton Sunday.

The basket ball boys went to Bowie and played the high school there a game of basket ball Saturday, coming home defeated. They also played Sunset on Bowie's court and defeated them.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Thorn of Gainesville, were visitors in the home of Wil Warren Thursday and Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. George Fowler of Cundiff, visited Joe Chipman Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Culverhouse, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Alexander, and Mrs. Fowler visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Cowley Sunday
Mrs. M. M. Cowley Sunday.

Miss Opal Wells of Bowie, visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wells, Sunday afternoon.

In the bankerless twelfth century, so great was the difficulty of conveyance for the transmitting of money from Spain to Rome, which was generally done by pilgrims returning to Santiago, that for every ounce of gold brought safely to the treasury of St. Peter's, special privileges were granted to the bearer by the Roman pontiff.

Be not simply good; be good for something.

Little Doris had just heard of curing hams.

"Oh, mummy," she exclaimed, "how funny it must be to see all the little hams sitting around getting better."

H. M. Foster Selected to Succeed Mr. Richter

At a meeting of the city council Wednesday night, Mr. H. M. Foster was elected tax assessor and collector of Decatur, to fill out the unexpired term of Mr. Richter, who died Tuesday afternoon. There were a number of applications for the position.

The modern girl may be affected—but she doesn't "put on" as much as the old-fashioned girl did.—Lariat.

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- How to correct [illegible] wrinkles.
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- How to reduce a double chin.
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BIT O' HISTORY CONTEST

"The Consolidation of Red Willow."
By Jessie Grace Morris, Red Willow School.

In the years 1916-1917 some of the people of our community began talking of consolidating the three small schools: Red Bud, Willow Springs and Dewey. This plan was oposed by most of the people, but in 1918 every one became interested.

County Superintendent Roe and other men came out and made talks on the work, and when one man would meet another in the road the subject of conversation was consolidation. The people were really becoming interested in the work, for they knew that it would help our community.

A petition was signed by the people and the bonds were voted, but this was contested. Then another election was held. This time the atotrney general would not approve the bonds. The people knew that they must try again, so so in the third election the judge made a mistake in writing out the report, and it was also turned down by the attorney general. In the fourth election everything went all right and the bonds were approved, and later sold.

In the meantime, the judge had given a permit to tear down the old school houses. This old lumber, with some new, was used to build a teacherage and a temporary school building. School was taught in these until the brick building could be built, which was one and one half years.

Work began on the brick building in the summer of 1922. It was finished in time for use after Christmas. The people met on New Year's day, 1923, and had dinner on the ground, celebrating the opening of the new school building.

The first trustees were: Daniel Meser, Joe Watson, Amos Morris, Leslie Brooks, Bruce Browning, Tom Smith and Harry Martin. They were untiring workers in the consolidation of our school.

The name "Red Willow" was derived from Red Bud and Willow Springs, and the district number was taken from Dewey.

These [illegible] schools were very poor in educational work. Each school [illegible] all seven grades. A great interest is [illegible] we have all seven grades. A great interest is taken in the new school by all [illegible] and we have all seven grades. A great interest is taken in the [illegible] by all the people, and [illegible] talk in the [illegible]. Then the community [illegible] best [illegible] in Wise county. We are proud of it and hope that we may continue to make it better.

"The Indian Raid of 1846."
By Booth Mooney, Decatur High.

This story is told exactly as John T. Witt told it. It is told in his own words.

Preston Witt was my uncle, and when a small boy I have often been an interested listener to Mexican war stories and more especially to the recital of this Indian fight. He would [illegible] have our undivided attention [illegible]

[illegible] Jackson [illegible] Texas [illegible]

"The Preston trail was followed by these volunteers across the Elm fork of the Trinity, the upper portion of Grapevine prairie, thru the lower cross timbers near Grand prairie and south-westerly thru it to a point very near where Decatur now stands, when about noon on the second day, several Indians were discovered a little in advance. Captain Mounts ordered a charge, which was promptly made. The Indians fled with all the speed they could command, and were hotly pursued; but only Preston Witt and William Barnes gained on them. Both selected an Indian supposed to be the chief and, when Witt was about closing the gap between them, the savage furiously sped an arrow, which cut his suspenders asunder and slightly lacerated his breast. The warrior had previously cast off his baggage, and now realized that he or his fearless pursuer must die, escape by flight being impossible. He sprang from his horse and Witt did the same, each holding his horse for a shield. Only a few feet separated them, or rather only the Indian's horse. No time was to be lost by the red man, or Witt's friends would soon arrive. He rushed under his horse's neck with drawn knife, directly confronting his assailant, but Witt seized his right hand with his own left, and with his right, by one superhuman thrust with his bowie knife, disemboweled the wild man, who gave a dismal groan, walked a few paces and fell to rise no more.

The Indians were killed, and one, if not both, scalped. One or two others were wounded, but escaped by the fleetness of their horses. Witt took from his fallen foe several brass bracelets and other trinkets which are yet in the possession of his son, Edward. Several horses were recovered and returned to their owners. The affair, considered in all its bearings, and the condition of these new settlers in the country, was highly creditable to all concerned, [illegible] gratifying to the people, and served as a warning to such parties of the wild freebooters.

W. Matson Moore, then a youth, belonged to this company, but was sick at the time. Elder John Myers and others of those early pioneers also belonged to it, but on so short a notice it was [illegible] for more to go; [illegible] it seemed essential for some to remain as protectors of the families.

This narrative from the pen of Jackson is nearly identical with the story as told by Major Brown in his history of Texas, and I consider that both have recited the facts as nearly correct as can be told.

The Edward Witt spoken of is the only living son of Preston Witt, and at last accounts he still had the Indian scalp taken from the head of the Indian sixty-six years ago by his father in a hand to hand fight. Edward lives in Montague county.

Rules of Contest.

Ten dollars in gold, donated by Secretary Cates of the Decatur Chamber of Commerce and the Wise County Messenger, is to be given to the pupil in a Wise county school who writes the best and most interesting story on some incident in the early-day history of the county. Write on one side of the paper, type write if possible, and do not use more than one thousand words in telling your story.

"An Indian Story."
By Oeta Freeman, Slidell High School.

[illegible]

[illegible] sat [illegible] and played [illegible] with his little daughter, Jeannette, and son, Alf, did he little realize that he would be away from home next day.

The next morning as the sun was peeping over the hills, grandfather started off to his work carrying his lunch in a tin pail. The leaves had just begun to turn red and gold, while a soft breeze waved the long, dead grass under foot. A big bunch of goldenrod nodded their heads in greeting to him as he passed them by.

As he was drinking in the beauty of the scene, the white face of Colonel G. B. Pickett dashed into view. When grandfather saw the distressed look on the rider's face, he knew that trouble was at hand. The horseman told my grandfather that a tribe of Choctaw Indians had raided the surrounding country the previous night and stolen most of the horses. He also said he wanted grandfather to go on a raid with them and help get back the horses.

Colonel Pickett rode swiftly on to tell the neighbors while grandfather rushed back to the house to get his horse and tell grandmother where he was going. He set off at high speed, wavinng goodbye to his wife and children, who were standing in the door of the log cabin.

Grandmother stayed in the house until late that afternoon, then she brought in the water and the wood and sat down by the fire to await the arrival of her husband. When darkness began to gather around the house, she started to put the children to bed, but hearing the sound of distant horse hoofs she darted to the window to see what the trouble was. She could see about fifty Indians riding straight toward the house, then she knew she must take some steps to save her life. She dashed a pan full of cold ashes on the gleaming coals, then grabbed the children in her arms and crawled under the bed where it was very dark.

Instantly she heard the Indians laughing and talking in their native tongue. She heard them go to the stable and take the horse out of it. For a few minutes it seemed that they were leaving, then the door was knocked down and four or five big Indians stalked into the one-room house. They plundered a few minutes, then she could hear them leaving and carrying most of the eatables with them.

Grandfather returned home about nine o'clock that night. When they came in sight of the house, they could see a fire burning on a little hill. When they came a little closer, they could see it was Indians having a war dance. Grandfather exclaimed, "Oh, they have captured my wife and children." The men spurred the tired horses on, some going toward the Indians while grandfather and several other men went to the house. When grandfather stepped into the house, he called grandmother's name several times. When she recognized his voice, she crawled from under the bed and related her story and rejoiced because she was safe once more.

The men chased the Indians back into their territory and the country was at peace for some time.

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Here are ten reasons why farm boys and girls should be club members.

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2. It stimulates interest in rural life.
3. It enables one to make some money for himself.
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7. It emphasizes the dignity of farm work well done.
8. It directs the thoughts of the youngsters in proper channels.
9. It stresses the importance of organization and co-operation.
10. It helps in building the four ships: Ownership, partnership, leadership and citizenship.—Progressive Farmer.

Wifey—"Oh, honey! In this picture you've only one button on your vest."

Hubby—"Thank heavens, you've noticed it at last. That's why I had the photograph taken."

A Rule of Three.

Three things to govern—temper, conduct and tongue.

Three things to cultivate—courage, affection and gentleness.

Three things to commend—industry, thrift and promptness.

Three things to despise—cruelty, arrogance and ingratitude.

Three things to wish for—content ment, health and friends.

Three things to admire—gracefulness, dignity and intellectual power.

Three things to give—alms to the needy, comfort to the sad and appreciation to the worthy.

A French scientist says kisses are not what they used to be. Sure not, they taste of paint now.

A half truth soon grows into a whole lie.

There was an old man from Hadley,
Whose false teeth annoyed him sadly.
They fell on a chair,
And he sat on them there,
And bit himself really quite badly.

In olden times the Indians scalped their enemies; we go them one better and skin our friends.

Citation by Publication.

The state of Texas. To the sheriff or any constable of Wise county, greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Wise county, a copy of the following notice:

The state of Texas. To all persons interested in the welfare of Geneva B. Duke, minor, Leonard Duke has filed in the county court of Wise county, an application for Letters of Guardianship upon the estate of said minor, which said application will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1926, the same being the 5th day of April, A. D. 1926, at the court house thereof, in Decatur, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of such minor, may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Decatur, Texas, this the 11th day of February, A. D. 1926. Ruth Belew, Clerk County Court, Wise County, Texas. By G. S. Blewett, Deputy. (Feb. 19-Mar. 26.

Sheriff's Sale.

The state of Texas, county of Wise.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable District Court of Dallas County, 68th Judicial District of Texas, on the 13th day of January, A. D. 1926, by John H. Cullom, Clerk of said District Court of Dallas County, for the sum of thirty six thousand seven hundred sixty-two and 57-100 ($36,762.57) dollars, and cost of suit, under a judgment in favor of G. G. Wright, receiver of the United Home Builders of America, in a certain cause in said Court No. 55077-C, and styled G. G. Wright, Receiver, vs. C. C. Smythe, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. M. Workman, as sheriff of Wise oCunty, Texas, did on the 25th day of January, A. D. 1926, levy on certain real estate situated in Wise County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract of land in Wise County, Texas, being a part of the J. M. Kirkman survey, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point in the north line of Chicago Rock Island and Gulf Ry. Co. (known as the Graham Branch) said point being 110 feet east of the west line of the J. M. Kirkman survey; thence north 864 feet to a stake, said stake being 600 feet south of the southwest corner of Block No. 6 of the original town of Bridgeport, as shown by the recorded plat thereof; thence east 1247 feet to a point in the north line of the right of way of said Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry. Co. Thence in a southwesterly direction with the north line of said right of way of the Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry. Co. to the place of beginning, said tract containing about thirteen and 9-10 (13 9-10) acres of land, together with all buildings, tanks and other structures and contents thereon, upon the [illegible] above described [illegible] by the grantor herein, and all other property of every description, real, personal and mixed, belonging to the grantor, or appertaining to their refineries and auxiliary [illegible], and levied upon same as the property of C. C. Smythe, H. B. Bagley, Lawrence B. Brady, Frank Sohn, R. E. Coleman, S. R. McCorkle, J. L. Pendery, W. A. Campbell, individually and as trustees of the World Refining Company, a joint stock association or concern organized under a declaration of trust, S. R. McCorkle, J. L. Pendery, E. I. Parker, A. G. Shutt, G. A. Campbell and W. A. Black, individually and as trustees of the Producers Union Oil Company, a joint stock association or concern operated under a declaration of trust, World Refining Company, a joint stock association or concern organized under a declaration of trust, or what is commonly known as a Massachusetts Trust, Producers Oil Company, a joint stock accosiation or concern, organized under a declaration of trust, or as a Massachusetts Trust, and G. Guy Miller, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1926, the same being the second day of said month at the court house door, of Wise County, Texas, in the city of Decatur, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said judgment and order of sale, I will sell above rescribed real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said C. C. Smythe, H. B. Bagley, Lawrence B. Brady, Frank Sohn, R. E. Coleman, S. R. McCorkle, J. L. Pendery, W. A. Campbell, individually and as trustees of the World Refining Company, a joint stock association as above shown, S. R. McCorkle, J. L. Pendery, E. I. Parker, A. G. Shutt, G. A. Campbell and W. A. Black, individually and as trustees of the Producers Union Oil Company, a joint stock association or concern organized under a declaration of trust, World Refining Company, a joint stock association, Producers Union Oil Company, a joint stock association, and G. Guy Miller.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Wise County Messenger, a newspaper published in Wise County, Texas.

Witness my hand, this 25th day of January, A. D. 1926. W. M. Workman, Sheriff, Wise County, Texas. By George Gage, Deputy. Feb. 5-19

FOR WORKING PEOPLE

The best of workers get out of sorts when the liver fails to act. They feel languid, half-sick, "blue" and discouraged and think they are getting lazy. Neglect of these symptoms might result in a sick spell, therefore the sensible course is to take a dose or two of Herbine. It is just the medicine needed to purify the system and restore the vim and [illegible] of health. Price 60c. [illegible]

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LOCAL NEWS

REVISED SCHEDULE OF DENVER PASSENGER TRAINS.

SOUTH

W. Falls	Dec.	Ft. Worth	Dallas
11:55 am	2:14 pm	3:25 pm	5:00 pm
2:00 am	4:32 am	6:00 am	7:45 am
8:00 am	10:31 am	12:01 pm	

NORTH

Dallas	Ft. Worth	Dec.	W. Falls
8:30 am	10:10 am	11:28 am	1:55 pm
11:00 pm	12:40 am	2:06 am	4:40 am
	6:45 pm	8:09 pm	10:30 pm

Band concert tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Gibbon were in Fort Worth Sunday.

Don't miss the patriotic service at the Methodist church Sunday.

Miss Katherine Burch is home for a few days from Baylor University.

B. F. and Douglas Fox were in Alvord first of the week on business.

Attorney J. V. Patterson has returned from a business trip in West Texas.

Patriotic services at the Methodist church Sunday morning at eleven o'clock.

Mrs. J. P. Williams and daughter, of Mineral Wells, are visiting Mrs. W. W. Williams.

Eat "Mother's Bread," made with milk—two loaves for fifteen cents at City Bakery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Hill were visiting relatvies and friends in Dallas last week-end.

Ray Christian and mother, Mrs. J. A. Christian, were guests of relatives in Slidell Sunday.

Mrs. Grady Slagle and little son, Grady, Jr., are visiting relatives in Sherman this week.

Trade at home "Mother's Bread," made with milk two loaves for fifteen cents. City Bakery.

Each week we are receiving express shipments of ladies' new pumps and oxfords. Rieger Brothers.

Let us have our spirit of patriotism revived by attending the service at the Methodist church at eleven a. m.

Mrs. J. A. Simmons has been in Fort Worth for several days, receiving medical attention. Mr. Simmons has been at her bedside.

Several citizens of Decatur have been on fishing trips to the Trinity river during the last few days, and a few catches are reported.

W. A. Sensibaugh of Bridgeport, was in the city this week, and while in town had his name enrolled with the Messenger subscribers.

W. C. Milligan has purchased a new four-cylinder Chrysler sedan, which has been seen on the streets of Decatur for the last few days.

J. E. Shoemaker of Wichita Falls, was here Tuesday to attend the funeral of his grandfather, J. D. W[illegible], who died in Fort Worth Monday.

You can get the Dallas Times Herald at the City Bakery. [illegible]

[illegible]

Something new in eats. Call for College Inn Chick a la King, Craf Chicken, Chick Salad, Chili Con Carne, Craf Tomato, Spag, Vegetable—Salad Sandwiches. Wright Brothers grocery.

Dr. S. J. Petty was in Fort Worth last Saturday to witness the operation undergone by Dr. J. H. Reeves, former citizen of Decatur. The patient is at present doing nicely, we are informed.

Letter from Walter Griffith to Decatur friends states that he and his wife are in Missouri, and will make their home there. Mr. and Mrs. Griffith recently left Decatur, and stopped for a few weeks in New Orleans, Louisiana.

H. L. Watkins of Olney, was in Decatur Tuesday on business.

Mrs. Gus Thorell of Rhome, was shopping in Decatur Saturday.

Mmes. J. D. Holt and Charles Ross were Fort Worth visitors Saturday.

T. H. Wright and family visited his mother, Mrs. E. A. Wright, in Boyd Sunday.

Just received—a shipment of ladies' new spring coats and dresses. Rieger Brothers.

Mr. and Mrs. Lester Blackburn were Graham visitors Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Clay.

Trade at home—"Mother's Bread," made with milk, two loaves for fifteen cents. City Bakery.

Miss Kate Killough of Ardmore, Oklahoma, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. J. H. Wallace, of this city.

Floyd Hall and wife of Frederick, Oklahoma, were here a few hours on Tuesday, talking with old friends.

Railroad Commissioner C. V. Terrell was in town last Saturday from Austin to look over his farm interests east of Decatur.

Dickson Millinery has been moved to Masonic building, on second floor, first door east of stairs. New spring hats at very low prices.

Mrs. J. H. Cates' Sunday school class of the First Methodist church had its annual banquet at the home of Mrs. C. L. Bounds Tuesday.

Attorneys J. V. Patterson and A. B. Cates were in Benjamin the forepart of the week to settle a railroad damage suit of one of their clients.

Rev. J. H. Hammer of Eufaula, Oklahoma, was visiting his aunt, Mrs. J. W. Bailey, here this week, whom he had not seen for twenty-eight years.

Dr. A. H. Busey, Ridge, Colorado, is visiting in the city and looking after his Seven-Wire pasture interests. Dr. Busey has a number of friends in Decatur, and all are glad to have him here.

Attention, poultry raisers. ZIP Parasite Remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of blue bugs, lice, fleas and all other insects. Sold under a money back guarantee. F. L. U. Store.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Caswell on Thursday, February 18th, a daughter. Mrs. Caswell was, before her marriage, Miss Christine St. Clair, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. St. Clair of Decatur.

Mark Marshall was here last Saturday making an inventory of the needs of the dry goods merchants. Mr. Marshall called on County Agent Warren and filed an application for terracing work on his farm near Chico.

Mine Host P. L. Jones of the Hotel Greathouse is having installed in the dining room of this popular hostelry an up-to-date lunch counter, and when opened for business, Decatur will boast one of the most modern establishments. Announcement will be made in next week's issue of the Messenger.

Mr. Pewitt of near Paradise, and Uncle Jack Watts, were here Saturday to seek assistance of County Agent Warren in running terrace lines on their farms. Both were of the opinion that terracing should have been started [illegible]

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In the Greathouse lobby a discussion on high blood pressure was waxing warm, when the eminent Colorado physician was asked his opinion, and his reply was truly Buseyesque, like this: "High blood pressure can be brought about by different causes; one fellow will fall victim from over-eating, another from lack of exercise, but I find that a brutal democratic majority falter and fall slaves to this malady by high taxes and obligations that make them hot to meet."

Will Simpson of Bridgeport, was in town Wednesday.

Mrs. J. V. Prunty was a Fort Worth visitor Sunday, the guest of friends.

Mrs. Pool, Mrs. Casey and Miss Patterson of Paradise, were in the city this week.

W. B. Ainsworth of Eufaula, Oklahoma, was visiting friends in Decatur this week.

Trade at home—"Mother's Bread," made with milk—two loaves for fifteen cents. City Bakery.

Outler D. Gose is sick in the Wise county sanitarium, suffering with a severe attack of the flu.

Earl Prigmore and family of Dallas, were visiting in the home of L. T. Owens here last week-end.

Miss Lanier Blewett and J. C. Blewett were in Fort Worth last week-end visiting friends and relatives.

Mrs. J. G. Gose and daughter, Miss Jackie, have been visiting in the home of G. B. McAdams in Quanah.

Travis Jones and family, Dorrel Jones and Jake Smyth were in Fort Worth Sunday, visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Lackey and daughter, Miss Dorothy Nelle, of Waco, were guests of relatives here Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Melton of Dallas, were here first of the week, visiting their mother, Mrs. E. B. Melton.

J. A. Carl and family of Fort Worth, former residents of Decatur, were here Sunday visiting the family of Ira Stepp.

Editor J. S. Hair of the Bridgeport Index, was over from the Coal City last week. He called at the Messenger office.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Boyd returned first of the week from San Antonio, after spending several months with relatives in the Alamo City.

Mr. and Mrs. Mack Cates and Mrs. Ed McElhenry, well known to people of this section, now of Fort Worth, were visiting friends here several days last week-end.

Attention, poultry raisers. ZIP Parasite Remover used in the drinking water will rid your poultry of blue bugs, lice, fleas and all other insects. Sold under a money back guarantee at Ingram Drug Company.

Mr. Doc Mason and Miss Floy Boats were married in Ponder Sunday evening, Rev. H. B. Singleton performing the ceremony. Immediately after the ceremony a supper was served to the happy couple and friends at the home of the bride's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Mason will make their home in Ponder.

Mrs. S. P. Taylor has accepted a position with Tyler's Confectionery.

Mrs. D. I. Jones and baby, Billye Marie, were visiting in Waco first of the week.

Eat "Mother's Bread," made with milk—two loaves for fifteen cents at City Bakery.

E. B. Melton of Wichita Falls, was here visiting with home-folks during the week-end.

Miss Lola Mae New has returned to her home after an extended visit with relatives in Dallas.

Miss Hazel Smyth of Fort Worth, was visiting in the home of Mrs. H. L. Jones on South Trinity Street over the week-end.

Something new in eats. Call for College Inn Chick a la King, Craf Chicken, Chick Salad, Chili Con Carne, Craf Tomato, Spag, Vegetable—Salad Sandwiches. Wright Brothers grocery.

The foundation for a residence has been laid on the Lillard farm near of town, commonly known as the cheese factory place. The improvements will be neat and substantial, to take the place of the house destroyed by fire some time in the past.

Methodist Church.

Remember that you have a warm welcome to the services of our church. You render a service to others and do yourself good when you attend upon the divine service of God's house. We had a good day last Sunday and we appreciated your presence, and we give you a cordial invitation to be with us this coming Sunday.

Preaching at the morning and evening hours by the pastor. Invite others to come with you.

Sunday school opens promptly at nine forty-five. Our lessons are very helpful, and you are missing something worth-while, if you are not in a class. Be with us.—Bert B. Hall, Pastor.

First Monday at Chico Seen by Messenger-ite

A Messenger representative attended "First Monday" festivities in Chico, going over with a candidate for public office. We attended in the role of the innocent spectator, and enroyed it very thoroly. The candidates were there in a goodly number, and the boys from the forks of the creek were well represented in the crowd. The "strong man" and the black-face comedian with a medicine show furnished the amusement.

We visited Alec Whitehead, the chief main-spring of the Review, and later met Mark Marshall and Vic Baldridge on the street. Each gentleman seemed to be in good health and enjoying prosperity. Lee Morris was out of town, but Jack Allen was there and mingling with the crowd. Alf Breckenridge was on hand when we arrived, and thruout the day he talked about the possibilities of the great Chico country as a farming section. Many other good friends were met, and we enjoyed the day.

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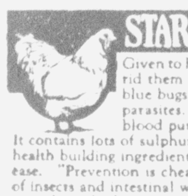
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FOR RENT—Farm from 40 to 75 acres in cultivation; good improvements; renter must furnish self.—WILLIAM SIMPSON, Bridgeport. (8)

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—160-acre farm; 60 acres in cultivation; in Cimarron county, Oklahoma. Also a 4-room dwelling in East Decatur.—J. A. (DOSS) CARL, Decatur. (8)

GROW 100-POUND WATERMELONS from my Triumph seed, $5.00 a pound; Parker county Tom Watson, $1.50 a pound.—R. A. VOORHIES, Weatherford, Texas. (9)

FOR SALE—Single comb Rhode Island Reds that are red; setting eggs $2.00 and $1.25 per 15 eggs, $9.00 and $6.00 per 100.—J. C. HENRY, Chico. (12)

FOR SALE—From my best mating S. C. White Leghorns, baby chicks at $15.00 for 100; eggs $1.00 for 15 and $6.00 for 100. MRS. A. H. CLEMENT, Decatur, Rt. 8, S. W. phone 165-5. (11)

FOR SALE—Eggs for setting; best Rhode Island Reds, $1.50 per setting.—A. M. SHAW, Decatur. (9)

FOR SALE—S. C. Dark Brown Leghorn eggs from blue ribbon winners at Wise county poultry show; real egg producers; $1.25 for setting of 15, $5.50 per 100. W. J. BRYAN, Greenwood, Texas, Rt. 1. (11)

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FOR SALE—Eggs for setting, from selected Rose Comb White Leghorns; $1.00 for 15; get winter layers from this stock.—GILBERT CARR, Rt. 2, Decatur. (9)

FOR SALE—Chevrolet de luxe sport [illegible] good as new, Duco [illegible] nickel plated [illegible] and other [illegible] splendid condition. [illegible] and terms to responsible [illegible]. Inquire at Messenger office.

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THE BLACK AND GOLD SHOPPE, Decatur's most up-to-date cafe, has been put on the market at a bargain. A good buy for one who appreciates a unique eating house, with all necessary equipment and a steady patronage of college students and people of the town. Inquire at the Shoppe, opposite First National Bank, for full particulars.

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—also—

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RHOME NEWS

Mrs. John G. Cox has been called to Marlow, Oklahoma, to the bedside of her sister, who is seriously ill.

J. B. Castleberry of Plainview, is guest in the Bobo home.

Mrs. Ella Simpler of Lincoln, Arkansas, who has spent the past two months with her sister, Miss Omadell Sparks, leaves this week for her home.

Pat and Miss Florence Bobo of Baylor University, are with home folks this week.

Mrs. Susan J. Shaw has returned home after spending the winter with relatives in Fort Worth.

Home Watkins of Olney, is visiting relatives here for a few days.

Misses Pauline and Julienne Mason were guests of their parents at Decatur last week-end.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brammer and Mr and Mrs. Clarence Boyd spent Sunday with relatives in Fort Worth.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Van Meter of Decatur, were in Rhome Sunday for a brief stay.

Miss Mamie Trussell spent the last week-end with her parents at Boyd.

Mrs. Robert Reynolds and little daughter of Bridgeport, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Reynolds.

Miss Mattie Neel returned Monday from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Mary Morris, of Fort Worth.

Mrs. Carl McGee has returned from a visit with her parents in Clovis, New Mexico. She was accompanied home by her sister, Miss Frances Prince.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Drummond Burch were Sunday guests of their mother, Mrs. J. D. Burch, of Decatur.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester January of Ponder, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Barker last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Slay entertained with one of the loveliest parties of the season, at their beautiful country home on last Tuesday evening. Valentine motifs were used in the decorations and the diversions were suggestive also of Valentine. The following guests were present: Messrs. and Mmes. J. H. McGlothlin, Joe Wren, Marvin Holt, John Naugle, C. E. Shaw, Joel R. Chambers, J. R. Taylor, Dale Maeyers, Charlie Payne, O. T. Finlayson, C. A. Nichols, Loyd Douglas, Mrs. Dewey Ellis, L. C. Slimp, and Misses Mamie Trussell, Verda Logan, Lucile Richardson and Noma George, Messrs. Boyd Logan, Thurman and Jarrett Hudnall, and the very young society buds: Misses Inez and Isia McGlothlin, Calvin and Frances Billy Taylor, Arnold Shaw, Joel and Marie Chambers and Jackie Douglas.

BRIDGEPORT NEWS

Delayed.

Miss Bonnie McAfee, who is teaching school near Jacksboro, spent the week-end with home folks.

Hardin Bingham left last week for Wichita Falls, where he accepted a position with the Gulf Refining Company.

Miss Lois Shawver of Texas Woman's College, was the week-end guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. A. Brock.

Mmes. Floyd Helm and J. W. Curley visited Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Adams of Memphis, a few days last week.

Mrs. Owen Frank of Oklahoma City, arrived last Thursday for a few weeks' visit with her mother and sister, Mrs. Lawson and Mrs. Clarence Kaker.

Messrs. and Mmes. Embry Hines, D. A. Hutch[illegible] and son, Bob Alen [illegible] Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kirkpatrick visited relatives [illegible] Sunday.

[illegible] Mrs. Roy Dulaney and [illegible] the week-end [illegible]

[illegible] visiting with relatives [illegible] Saturday [illegible]

Mmes. [illegible] H. F. [illegible] Cunningham, B. A. Green, Misses [illegible] Alexander, [illegible] Hanson and Messrs. Clifford Alexander and B. A. Green attended the John McCormack concert in Fort Worth last Wednesday.

The Embroidery Club was entertained by Mrs. W. M. Simpson Tuesday. A pleasant afternoon was spent in embroidery and a delicious salad course was served to Mmes. Roy Poore, Altus Kelley, Frank Turner, M. E. Cunningham, A. W. Black, Elbert Bingham, L. Funderburg and hostess.

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MT. ZION NEWS

There will be preaching at Mt. Zion Sunday and Sunday night, February 2st. Everybody is invited to come.

Zelma Phillips of Decatur, spent last Sunday with Velma and Jewell Crowder.

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pound of Flatwoods community, visited his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Pound, Sunday.

Some from this community attended church at New Salem Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Gunn Rhine of New Salem community, spent Sunday with her father, D. A. Shinn.

Edd Taylor and family spent Sunday with J. W. Taylor.

The boys of Preskitt and Valley View played a basket ball game at Preskitt Friday night, the scores being 16-2 in favor of Preskitt.

Misses Irma and Clara Crowder visited Mr. and Mrs. Claud Pound Sunday.

GARVIN NEWS

Delayed.

The program at Garvin Friday night was not as good as it should have been. However, there was one redeeming feature—the reading given by Miss Sybil Terry of Rhome. Miss Terry is a wonderful reader and an accomplished young lady, and she is always popular with her audience. We hope to have her back with us some time.

Out of the last three basket ball games, the Porcupines have lost two. This runs our games to seven won and five lost. The Rhome boys gave us our worst defeat of the year on their court Thursday. The score was 27-7. This was the poorest exhibition of basket ball the boys have shown this year. We hope to get the Rhome boys on our court before the season is out, and then they will have to prove they can play ball if they carry off the honors. We have lost but one game on our court this year.

Hugo Atchley has returned home after a week's stay in Decatur.

Mr. King of Fort Worth, has been visiting with his daughter, Mrs. Hoggard, this week.

Curtis Yant attended the teachers' meeting at Alvord Saturday.

Miss Ruth Rowe has returned home after a short stay with the Misses Hoggard.

J. W. Steel of this community, is seriously ill with pneumonia. He was stricken Saturday night and was carried to Mr. Hoggard's in order to be better cared for. His little daughter is staying with Mr. Crownover while her father is ill.

A party was enjoyed at the home of Miss Nettie Brown Wednesday night of last week.

Walter and Roy Hoggard, and Misses Ruth Howe and Lula Hoggard made a hurry trip to Dallas Friday.

Roger Barefield was visiting at the school Friday afternoon. Mr. Barefield, who is a long-time resident of this community, is in the race for county treasurer.

FOR SALE!

Baby Chicks from Trap-Nested S. C. White Leghorns
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Boyd Poultry Farm

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ELM NEWS

Health of the community is very good at this writing.

Several from here attended the pound supper given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Cook Friday night near Lone Star.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Smith were Sunday afternoon visitors in the home of Fred Lemberg.

Arthur Wiley left Saturday morning for Shreveport, Louisiana, where he will be employed.

Miss Eureka Gose visited Miss Alma Watson Saturday night.

Mrs. W. E. Orr visited her daughter, Mrs. Roy Magers, of Alvord, Sunday.

Miss Myrtle Washburn was a Saturday night guest of Miss Nora Nikirk.

Mrs. Carlos Watts entertained the young people with a party Saturday night.

Miss Juanita Jackson was a Saturday night guest of Miss Myrtle Smith.

Robert and Clyde Smith and Tommie and Roy Watson visited Buford and John Nikirk Sunday.

Odis Warthen and Auston Taylor of Alvord, attended singing at Elm Sunday night.

Mrs. A. W. Ware visited in Alvord Saturday.

Lanell Washburn visited Earlene Taylor Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Stagg visited in Alvord Sunday.

FLATWOODS NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Harris of Bridgeport, were visiting at Flatwoods last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Goodger visited Mr. and Mrs. Walter Harris.

Pastor Brooks of New Salem, spent Saturday night with Bert Walker.

Miss Willie Mae Phillips and Miss Ora Fae Brandon spent the week-end with home-folks.

Miss Nina Goodger spent Sunday evening with Miss Willie Mae Phillips.

Mr. and Mrs. John Walker spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. McKenny.

Mr. and Mrs. Hofert Israel spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Coleman Miller.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Dane Brandon, a big girl, February 5th, 1926.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Stansell visited relatives in Flatwoods Saturday night.

Miss Opal Locke of Paradise, visited Miss Ora Fae Brandon Friday night and Saturday.

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BETHEL NEWS

Miss Myrtle Dunaway spent Saturday night with her sister, Mrs. G. N. Lowery, in the Shiloh community.

Mrs. Houx from Bridgeport, spent Friday with Mrs. Jim Booth.

Mrs. Stanley McCormack is entertaining a bad cold this week.

Miss Myrtle Rosenburg is staying with her cousin, Mrs. Sam Johnson, who has been sick for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Parrish and family spent Sunday with Mr. Whittenburg and family.

Mr. Stimpson of Bonham, is back with us again, after a few months' absence.

Mr. and Mrs. Stanley McCormack spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Will Rosenburg.

Henegar Mowery from Lone Star community, visited Will Rosenburg and family Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Dunaway and daughter, Miss Myrtle, spent Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Gaither Lowery.

John Price and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Ash.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Kerr and her father, Mr. Stimpson, spent Sunday afternoon with Will Rosenburg and family.

Robert Wallace from Lubbock, was visiting in the community Sunday.

Mrs. John Wallace, Sr., spent Sunday night with Mrs. Frank Kerr.

The singing Sunday night was fine, and we had a good many visitors from Shiloh and other places.

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